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THE BUENA STORY

"Neither snow nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," is the slogan of the U.S. Postal Service. It could be the slogan of the Department's road maintenance force.

And it applies to the 12 road maintenance employees, including a foreman and his two assistants, who service more than 43 (center lane) miles of State roads in a section of Atlantic and Gloucester Counties in Region IV.

The group, known as Crew 4210, is located in the Buena Maintenance Yard on Route 40. It moved from Folsom into the Buena building about six years ago. The Crew is made up of Larry Goffredi, Foreman; John Stadnick and John May Jr., Assistant Foremen; Michael DeMarco, Equipment Operator; Emil Dandrea, Raymond Goffredi, August Muzzarelli, Jerry Grigg and Charles Mascio, Truck Drivers, and Nello Comparri, Frank Dandrea and Charles Johnson, Maintenance Workers I.

When the crew is not patching potholes and repairing other flaws in the highways, it may be picking up litter, cleaning catch basins, rebuilding washed out banks, patching and resurfacing shoulders, replacing damaged cable and steel guide rail, mowing grass and removing weeds, maintaining roadside recreation areas where picnic tables and trash cans have been provided, erecting and removing snow fence, salting, sanding and clearing the highways when it is snowing, and doing other road maintenance work. Also the foreman explained, the crew is on 24 hour call in case of an emergency--typical for all Department road maintenance personnel.

According to Assistant Foreman Stadnick, neither rain nor snow, nor heat nor cold prevents the Crew from being on the go, servicing the roads in the Buena Yard area.

"OPERATION QUEST"

Twenty-five students of the Lawrence Township Intermediate School recently visited the Department during "Operation Quest," a program established by the Township in 1969 to develop an awareness in elementary school children of the "world at work."

According to the school's program coordinator, Mrs. Carla C. Wright, a sixth grade teacher, Operation Quest involves learning about a specific occupation selected by the student. Also, the student visits the job-related area within the plant or establishment with two or three other students who picked the same occupation.

Two of the four sixth grade students, who requested to learn about the Department's Mobile Television Unit, watch themselves being monitored on the Unit's television screen while Zalton G. Zeisky, Research Assistant with Research and Development, explains how it is being done. Left to right are Zeisky, Sharon McConnell and Stephen Drucker. The other two students are Sandy Morris and Mark Radcliffe.

Following a question and answer session and a brief message (Introduction to the Department) given by Joseph Russo, Director of Personnel, the students were formed into eight small groups, each assigned to visit one of the following to learn about a specific job or title:

Construction and Maintenance (heavy equipment repairer), Data Processing (keypunch operator and programmer), Information Services (model maker), Personnel (recruitment), Quality Control (materials engineer for bituminous and portlant cement), Research and Development (research related to the mobile television operation), Traffic Engineering (traffic engineer for the design of signs, markings and traffic control devices), and Structural Design (bridge design engineer).

The visit was coordinated by Mrs. Char Scheuren, Supervisor of the Employee Services Section of the Bureau of Training.

300 ATTEND SELF BREAST EXAMINATION SESSIONS

Three hundred female employees out of 735 attended the Self Breast Examination Program offered free of charge by the Department with the cooperation of Saint Francis, Hamilton, Helene Fuld and Mercer Medical Centers in Trenton.

The 10 one-hour lecture-discussion sessions, which included the showing of a film and the use of a simulated model, were held in the Conference Room of the Bureau of Training and Employee Services.

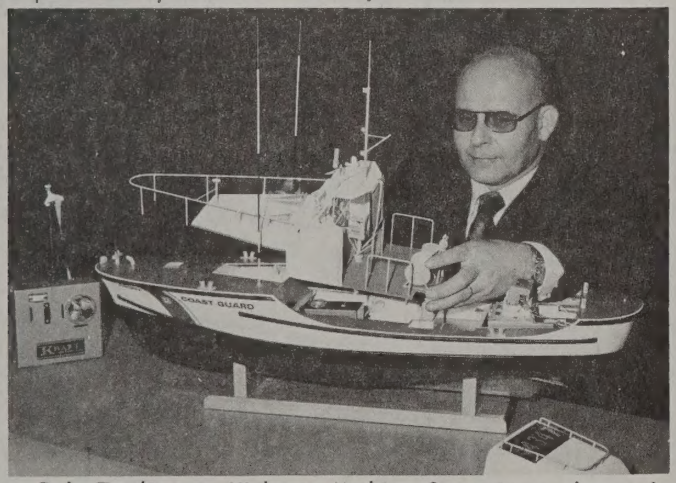
BOB TOMLINSON, BOAT BUILDER

Imagine being on a boat that is suddenly hit by a wave and turns over into the water – and then it uprights itself 8 seconds later!

Though the Department doesn't own or operate such a boat the Coast Guard does and Bob Tomlinson, Supervisor of Highway Marking, took an interest in it and decided to build a 33" model of the 44' U.S. Coast Guard selfrighting motor rescue boat.

Bob became interested in model ships as a hobby in 1969 when he was off from work due to an injury. Since then he has built 5 models, the selfrighter being the most recent. He traveled to the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May to take pictures of the ship so that extra details could be added to the model which is assembled from a kit.

The model took about 250 hours to complete over a period of 8 months. It operates by remote control and is powered by a 6 volt battery. The twin rudders are operated by radio and a transistorized speed controller regulates the variable speeds.



Bob Tomlinson, Highway Marking Supervisor, places the wheelhouse and deck onto his model of the U.S. Coast Guard rescue boat.

Plans for a model with a 5' hull are currently in the making. Mr. Tomlinson says that the project "will really take a long time to complete but it's a lot of fun."

RETIREES

Walter J. Wodell, District Maintenance Supervisor with Construction and Maintenance (43 years); Frank J. Deacon, Project Engineer with Transportation Operations and Local Aid, TOLA, (39 years); Henry E. Petti, Assistant Engineer (33 years); Frank Schneider, Construction Repairman I; George H. Stires, Truck Driver (30 years each) and John F. Karpicki, Equipment Operator (27 years), all with Construction and Maintenance; Salvatore Marino, Assistant Supervisor, Traffic Enumerator with Planning and Research (27 years); Delbert Simmerman, Assistant Highway Foreman with Construction and Maintenance (26 years); Clarence Johnson, Engineering Aide I and Chester V. Lewicki, Truck Driver, both with Construction and Maintenance (25 years each); Gladys Becker, Head Audit Account Clerk with Fiscal Management (22 years); Nicholas DeLaurentis, Maintenance Worker I (20 years); Paul W. Kiendel, Senior Highway Inspector (16 years); Andrew Banyacski, Equipment Operator, and Joseph De Haven Jr., Highway Inspector (14 years each), all with Construction and Maintenance; James J. Mercer, Bridge Operator II with TOLA, (11 years); Minnie Pike, Right of Way Negotiator with Right of Way, and Frederick George, Principal Traffic Enumerator with TOLA, (6 years each).

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SEVEN

Seven Department employees completed the "Advanced General Math" course recently conducted at the Civil Service Training Center in Trenton. They are: Micheline Cardaciotto, Ruth Ann Friedland, Joan S. Heller, Merriel T. Peacock Jr., Stratos P. Peters, Joseph Terranova and Bernice Westcott.

The course, coordinated by the Bureau of Training and Employees Services, is designed for those who have a working knowledge of mathematics, but who need additional practice. It includes a general review of math fundamentals, problems in computing business discounts, computing interest, depreciation; preparing payrolls, percentages, list prices and other math information.

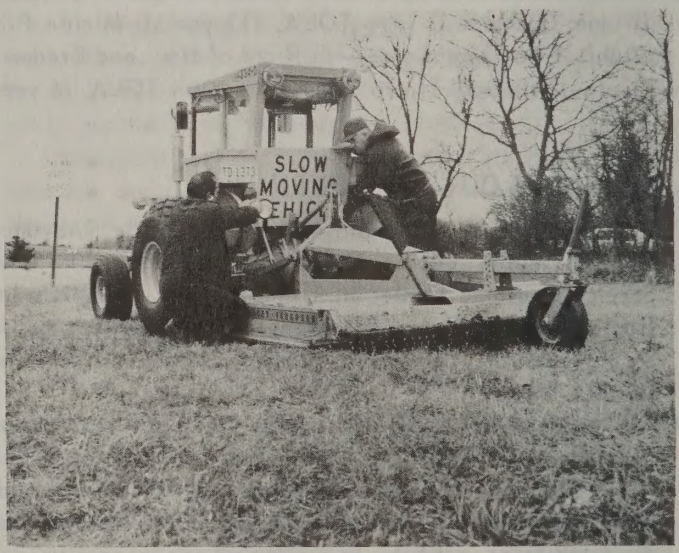
Happy Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sikorski of Trenton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to **Gregg Hunt,** Repairer with the Buildings and Grounds Section of Central Services.

Diane Lewis, Senior Stenographer with Commuter Services, has become engaged to Stanley Papiez of Trenton, the bride elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis announced.

A June 11th wedding is planned for Emilia Malagrino and **Richard A. Rogers,** Assistant Engineer, Materials with Quality Control. Miss Malagrino is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe L. Malagrino of Hamilton Square.

St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Trenton was the setting recently for the wedding of *Monica M. Furda,* Principal Clerk Stenographer with Research and Development, and Jerry Zrada.



Operator Nelson Shinn (right), Maintenance Worker I, checks his 7-foot rotary mower before starting his mowing assignment in the Manahawkin area. Helping him is Assistant Foreman Gene DiDonna.

Assistant Commissioner of Highways Donald Goodkind (right) cuts a chain during a ceremony recently held for the opening of a section of Interstate Route 78 between Springfield Avenue and the Garden State Parkway in Union County.

RIGHT OF WAY STAFFERS PRODUCE GODSPELL

The Cherry Hill Burn Center recently received a financial boost when three Trenton Right-of-Way staffers, whose hobby is the theatre, brought their locally successful theatrical production of the musical "Godspell" to the Haddon Fortnightly, a theatre in Haddonfield.

Gerry Guarnieri, Right of Way Negotiator, directed the show aided by Barbara Dyett, Senior Clerk Typist with the Bureau of Administration, and Geri Tallone, Senior Clerk with the Bureau of Titles.

The trio worked together in several productions at Trenton's Artists Showcase Theatre, receiving numerous accolaides for their past efforts.

Gerry pointed out that doing Godspell became a reality a few years ago after Barbara refused a role in the National Touring Company's Godspell to remain in the "security" of State service.

After months of planning and weeks of rehearsal, Guarnieri's Godspell opened to rave notices from the press and broadcast media and standing ovations from capacity audiences.

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RALPH P. SHAW NAMED TO TOP CIVIL SERVICE POST

Ralph P. Shaw has been named to serve as Chief Examiner and Secretary of the Civil Service Commission.

The Commission unanimously appointed Shaw, 58, to the top level position responsible for implementing decisions made by the four-member Commission and for setting the job classifications and salary ranges affecting more than 182,000 state, county and municipal employees.

Shaw, who has been serving in an acting capacity in the top post since March 1, replaces William Druz who recently resigned as Chief Examiner and Secretary.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Shaw started his civil service career in 1941 as a junior examiner. He is married, the father of two children and resides in Ewing Township.

COVER

Charles Mascio (left) and Frank Dandrea, Truck Drivers with the Buena Maintenance Yard, pour raw asphalt into cracks on a section of Route 322 in Weymouth, Hamilton Township. See story.

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